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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mark S. Chang et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2814

Before the Examiner: Pham, H.

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING CONTACT TO  
A FIRST POLYSILICON LAYER IN A FLASH MEMORY  
DEVICE

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 28, 2005 (Paper No. 19), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 28, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

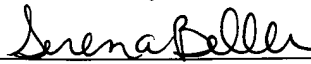
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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